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TAGS: CASC (REX, CHARLES W. JR.
SUBJECT: W/W: CHARLES W. REX, JR.

REF: DEPARTMENT OM DATED AUGUST 5, 1975.

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE OM UNDER REFERENCE ALONG WITH A COPY OF A LETTER MR. CHARLES W. REX, JR. WROTE TO CONGRESSMAN LOUIS FREY. THE CONSULAR OFFICER REFERRED TO IN MR. REX'S LETTER AS "WINEBERGER" IS JON G. EDENSWORD. WE SUGGEST REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

2. MR. REX AND HIS DAUGHTER CAME TO THE EMBASSY AND FIRST REQUESTED A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL STAFF TO ARRANGE TO HAVE FLOWERS SENT TO KING HUSSEIN AND THE JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER. HE WAS TOLD THIS COULD NOT BE DONE BUT WAS REFERRED TO THE CONSULAR OFFICER (JON EDENSWORD) WHO INFORMED HIM THAT THE EMBASSY COULD NOT PERFORM THIS SERVICE FOR HIM. HE WAS GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO TWO WELL KNOWN LOCAL FLORISTS WHO WOULD DELIVER THE FLOWERS AND FINALLY SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO ONE SUCH FLORIST ONE BLOCK FROM THE EMBASSY.

3. THE CORRECT SPELLING OF THE NAMES OF KING HUSSEIN AND QUEEN ALIA WERE OBTAINED FROM THE EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION. THIS SPELLING IS USED IN ALL OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE GOJ AND WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE PROBLEM MR. REX HAD IN THIS REGARD.

4. WE REGRET THAT MR. REX WAS UNHAPPY WITH OUR HANDLING OF HIS REQUEST BUT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO PERFORM PERSONAL
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SERVICES OF THE NATURE HE REQUESTED. WE DO, HOWEVER, ENDEAVOR

TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF COURTESY AND RESPONSIVENESS
IN DEALING WITH ALL VISITING AMERICANS AND WE REGRET THAT MR.
REX FELT OUR EFFORTS TO HELP HIM WERE INSUFFICIENT.

5. FYI: WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WORTHWHILE TO COMMENT ON MR.
REX'S CHARGE THAT THE CONSULAR OFFICER AND THE EMBASSY ARE
"ILL-KEPT". THIS IS NOT THE CASE AND NO SUCH CHARGE HAS
EVER BEEN MADE PREVIOUSLY TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.
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